

[21st August 1925]

Alleged memorial to get the Vaniyambadi sub-assistant surgeon transferred.

* 291 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the inhabitants of Vaniyambadi in North Arcot district have sent mahazars to the Surgeon-General to the Government of Madras, to the District Medical Officer, North Arcot, and to the Municipal Chairman, Vaniyambadi, complaining against the present sub-assistant surgeon in charge of the hospital at Vaniyambadi and praying for his transfer ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the memorialists did not get either a reply or the redress of their grievance ;

(c) whether it is a fact that at a special meeting of the Municipal Council, Vaniyambadi, held on the 9th July 1925 a unanimous resolution was adopted by the council praying Government for the transfer of the present sub-assistant surgeon in charge of the hospital (for males) at Vaniyambadi and for the appointment of a competent substitute in his place ; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken in the matter ?

A.—(a), (b), (c) & (d) The Government have no information, but have called for a report from the Surgeon-General and the Chairman, Municipal Council, Vaniyambadi

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : “Is it a fact that the Surgeon-General visited Vaniyambadi hospital on the 14th August and although the municipal councillors were waiting to make representations to him he did not choose to meet them but merely examined a few in-patients in the hospital and went away ?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“I have already said that Government have no information.”

Supply of medicines to the rural dispensary at Desur.

* 292 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the rural dispensary at Desur, North Arcot district, which was opened in March 1925 has not yet received the supply of medicines and surgical instruments ;

(b) whether it is a fact that this delay is due to the District Medical Officer's office at Vellore ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the dispensary doctor is now obliged to provide medicines for the poor patients from his own resources ;

(d) whether it is a fact that a similar state of affairs prevails in most other dispensaries in North Arcot district ; and

(e) whether Government have made enquiries into the matter ?

A.—The Government have no information, but have called for a report from the President, District Board, North Arcot.